



News from Team Business and Enterprise Systems

BES Hosts Its First Vendor Exchange Forum

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Addressing resource constraints and creating IT acquisition and sustainment efficiencies dominated discussions during the Business and Enterprise Systems first ever Vendor Exchange Forum which took place Feb. 15 here on Gunter.

The goal of this and future exchange forums is to provide a venue where government and industry representatives can come together to discuss reductions in program funding and personnel resources that are negatively affecting how BES does business. With help from Industry, BES is changing its business model to meet mission requirements through expanded and enhanced competitions.

“We are trying to foster a strong government-industry relationship creating an open and transparent process to help each other through difficult times ahead,” said Scott Warren, Deputy Director of the Business Enterprise Systems Directorate and moderator of each panel. “The Vendor Exchange Forums are a great opportunity to knock down some barriers of communication between government and industry and figure out how we can efficiently and effectively work together to solve problems.”

Approximately 100 people, included 59 visiting vendors representing 45 BES companies, came together for the one-day event with the goal of discussing what can be done to create efficiencies in the way contracts are competed and executed. The theme of the forum was: “Ensuring PEO portfolio support through austere times.”

The forum provided two panel discussions. Each panel included subject matter experts from government as well as industry. Each panel member provided personal thoughts on pressing issues and Mr Warren, as moderator, facilitated open discussions among all participants.



Scott Warren, Deputy Director of Business and Enterprise Systems (BES) Directorate, addresses participants in BES's first ever Vendor Exchange Forum, which took place on Gunter Feb. 15. The goal of this and future exchange forums is to provide a venue where government and industry representatives can come together to discuss reductions in program funding and personnel resources that are negatively affecting how BES does business. *Photo by Robert Paschen*

Team BES is planning a second Vendor Exchange Forum for Apr. 5 which will again take place in the Gunter auditorium. Following that is a planned Vendor Industry Day for May 23. The Vendor Industry Day in May will feature more one-on-one time opportunities for vendors to speak with BES leadership, program managers and contracting officers.

“The primary focus within BES is the acquisition of war-winning IT capabilities and continuously improving on how we deliver those capabilities to our warfighters,” Mr. Warren said. “One thing we need to do better is foster a partnering environment where government and industry can work together more openly on both sides. I’m hoping our Vendor Industry Days and Vendor Exchange Forums will facilitate a step in that direction.”

AFITC 2012 Chairman: Capt Phil Bernal

Capt. Phil Bernal (pictured right) is the 2012 Air Force Information Technology Conference chairman. He will lead a team that will coordinate, plan and execute the largest and most influential IT event in the Air Force.

The over-arching purpose of AFITC is to gather together leadership within the Air Force to learn how to best apply the latest, cutting edge technology to keep the Air Force the most advanced fighting force in the world. AFITC is scheduled for Aug. 27-29.

Each year more than 5,000 people from the Department of Defense, Federal Government, private industry and academia communities attend AFITC.

"I'm excited to have the opportunity to serve as the AFITC 2012 chairman," Captain Bernal said. "We've got an outstanding team who will make this year's conference the best one yet."



ESC Announces Annual Award Winners



The Electronic Systems Center announced their annual awards winners for 2011. Two of those winners came from BES.

Congratulations to:

Airman First Class Steven Gates (left) of the Legacy Logistics Division who won ESC's Airman of the Year.

James Woodworth of the Operations Division won the ESC's Category II Civilian of the year.



Legal Trivia: Gifts

The following is provided by our fine folks in the Staff Judge Advocate office. This is some useful trivia which can be applied to common activities. Legal advice is provided on page 3.

Ms. Joan Nice, a GS-14, has worked with 1Lt Jane Presence for more than a year and a half. They have come to know each other fairly well by working together, and 1Lt Presence values Ms. Nice's mentorship. Ms. Nice is not 1Lt Presence's supervisor.

1Lt Presence has been on leave in Switzerland. While there she purchased a stone desk clock, valued at \$50. She wishes to give the clock to Ms. Nice in appreciation for all of Ms. Nice's time and advice.

May Ms. Nice accept the clock?

Creating a No Fraud Zone in Alabama

Maj. Tim Cox
MAFB-Gunter JA

Business and Enterprise Systems is responsible for acquiring, operating, sustaining, and enabling combat and business information technology systems for the warfighter. In fiscal year 2011, BES processed more than \$450 million in contract actions that put war-winning capabilities in the hands of Airmen.

While that number captures significant accomplishment, it also provides a significant temptation for others to engage in procurement fraud.

Now, however, the Maxwell-Gunter community has assembled a team dedicated to deterring, detecting and remedying procurement fraud. December witnessed the stand-up of the very first Maxwell-Gunter Procurement Fraud Working Group (MGPFWG).

This group is comprised of attorneys and contracting officers from both Gunter Annex and Maxwell Air Force Base, attorneys from the civil and criminal divisions in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Montgomery, and agents from the Office of Special Investigations.

In addition, recognizing the importance of this group, our OSI teammates have brought the Defense Criminal Investigation Service (DCIS), the Air Force Audit Agency (AFAA), and the FBI on board, and anticipate adding attorneys from Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA). Together, this team meets on a regular basis to share best practices, develop training opportunities, and camaraderie among the procurement fraud fighting community in the Montgomery area.

The MGPFWG is the point of contact should anyone suspect procurement fraud. The team exists to help federal employees, and ultimately the taxpayer, prevent and punish the less scrupulous.

Everyone can participate in procurement fraud prevention, and the MGPFWG is one more tool in the toolbox to help. Please do not hesitate to use it.

Members can be reached at 416-3385 (Gunter JA), 953-7094 (OSI), 493-2786 (Maxwell JA), 953-8552 (Maxwell CONS), or 416-3940 (Gunter PK).

Be on the lookout for training opportunities the MGPFWG may bring to help everyone identify procurement fraud.

In the meantime, take time to add AFMC's procurement fraud indicators handbook to your list of resources.

The handbook is available at JA's SharePoint site, and can be reached at [here](#).

This guide is intended to assist those who deal with government contracts to recognize when fraud may have occurred. Moreover, this guide and the MGPFWG will help provide guidance concerning the proper response to fraud indicators.

Fraud is not confined to one office or base. The MGPFWG and you can send the message to would-be fraudsters that they're in a "No Fraud Zone!"

Legal Trivia: Answered

Probably not.

Ms. Nice, a GS-14, makes more money than 1Lt Presence. Under 5 C.F.R. § 2635.302(b), "an employee may not, directly or indirectly, accept a gift from an employee receiving less pay than himself unless: (1) The two employees are not in a subordinate-official superior relationship; and (2) There is a personal relationship between the two employees that would justify the gift." In this case, although the first factor is satisfied (i.e., Ms. Nice and 1Lt Presence are not in a subordinate-official superior relationship), the clock does not appear to be based on a personal relationship that justifies the gift. 1Lt Presence is giving Ms. Nice the clock because of their professional working relationship.

BES Takes Advantage of Conferences to Promote Mission, Initiatives

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The Business and Enterprise Systems (BES) Strategic Communications and Customer Outreach Team took advantage of two large conferences to reach out to thousands of representatives from the federal government, Department of Defense and private industry.

The team was among approximately 500 exhibitors between [West 2012](#), the largest west coast event for communications, electronics, intelligence, information systems and military weapon systems, and the [2012 Cyberspace Symposium](#), a forum for organizations to leverage government and industry knowledge to mature our national understanding of the dynamic cyberspace domain.

On the exhibit floors, BES was joined by organizations such as, the Air Force Network Integration Center, Air Force Space Command, NORAD, PEO EIS Navy, and Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command.

The team took advantage of the events to engage attendees face-to-face and educate them on the mission of the BES organization, some of the major initiatives and future acquisitions, and promote BES upcoming events.

The two events provided excellent opportunities to raise awareness of and promote the BES Vendor Exchanges Forums and Vendor Industry Days. The Exchange Forums and Industry Days are events which bring BES leadership and current and potential industry partners together for open and frank discussions on topics to improve how BES accomplishes its mission. The next Vendor Exchange Forum is scheduled to take place Apr. 5.

Along with promoting the mission and programs of the BES, the Customer Outreach team also used the event as a vehicle to promote the Air Force Information Technology Conference (AFITC). AFITC is an annual conference hosted by BES. The main purpose of the conference is to gather together leadership within the Air Force to learn how to best apply the latest, cutting edge technology to keep the Air Force the most advanced fighting force in the world. AFITC is scheduled for Aug. 27-29.



Capt. Phil Bernal (center), Air Force Information Technology Conference (AFITC) 2012 chairman, engages with conference attendees at the 2012 Cyberspace Symposium in Colorado Springs, Colo. Captain Bernal joined the Strategic Communications and Customer Outreach Team at the event to build awareness and promote AFITC 2012 as well as other initiatives within BES such as Vendor Industry Days, Vendor Exchange Forums.

Upcoming Events

Mar. 20	Dayton IT Dialogue with Industry—Dayton, Ohio
Apr. 5	Business and Enterprise Systems - Vendor Exchange Forum—MAFB-Gunter Annex, Ala.
May 22	Montgomery IT Summit—Montgomery, Ala.
May 23	Business and Enterprise Systems - Vendor Industry Day—MAFB-Gunter Annex, Ala.